

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE TENDERS AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some time limit has been prescribed to provide relief facilities like fire tenders and ambulance services at the crash venue in case of air crash at the airports of country;
- (b) if so, details thereof with reproduction of instructions issued in this regard so far;
- (c) whether the Government have been urged to improve relief facilities in case of short notice emergency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b):- The Response Time for rescue and relief vehicles like Crash Fire tenders (CFT) prescribed by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is 'within two minutes and not exceeding three minutes'. The ambulances are positioned at Fire Station, along with fire tenders and follow the crash fire tenders to reach the crash site.

(c) & (d):- All the rescue and fire fighting vehicles at airports conform to the ICAO norm. It is the constant endeavour to improve and upgrade these facilities at the airports. Periodic training is imparted to personnel handling these equipment so as to ensure that the response time prescribed is met during actual emergencies.

(e) :- Does not arise.